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Sir:

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. 1.56, Applicants are enclosing an Information Disclosure Statement by Applicant (Form PTO/SB/08a) and a copy of the foreign patent reference cited therein.

The '436 reference discloses the power transmission system having the generator 8 attached outside the middle case 47 in parallel with the input shaft 3 of the transmission. The generator gear pair 15 is constituted by the gear fixed to the output shaft 14 of the generator 8 and the gear rotatably attached to the shaft 3. Inside the hub 28, the groove is provided, such the groove is meshed with the plural grooves 19 of the transmission mechanism input shaft 3. When the generator sleeve 16 is meshed with both of the generator hub 17 and the gearing gear 18, the torque transmission between the generator 8 and the input shaft 3 can be carried out. On the contrary, when the generator sleeve 16 is meshed with only the generator hub 17, the torque transmission input shaft 3 cannot be carried out.

Therefore, the present invention, in which the inner rotor 23 of the electric generator 25 is directly linked to the crankshaft 22 and always rotated by the engine 13, is not taught or suggested by the '436 reference.

It is respectfully requested that the cited documents be considered by the Examiner in the above-identified patent application and that the cited documents be made officially of record therein. It is further requested that a listing of the same appear on the face of any patent which may issue from this application.

An non-final Office Action was issued on March 7, 2006, for this application. Therefore, Applicants submit herewith an electronic payment in the amount of \$180.00 for fees due under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.97(c)(2).

Respectfully submitted,



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